

**CITY OF FRESNO
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED - MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2009 MEETING

DAC Commission Members Present: Robert Hand, Chair, Lillian Fillpot, Vice Chair, Mary Beth Randall, Ron Sheppard,

DAC Commission Members Absent: Russell Hoeltzer, Darby Greer

Staff Present: Carlos Duarte, *ex officio* DAC member, Elizabeth Kunz, DAC Secretary, Patrick Wiemiller, Public Works Director, Scott Krauter, Public Works Assistant Director, Greg Eisner, Department of Transportation, Transit Operations Manager, Sylvia Shelton, Public Works Services Aide.

Call to Order and Self Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes, as amended (removed "Chair of the Accessibility Committee" on page 2), was made by Member Randall, seconded by Member Fillpot, and unanimously approved.

Chair Hand accepted public comment.

Annette Carter requested that the DAC Secretary email the final draft of the minutes of each previous meeting to her with the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Election of Officers

Chair Hand asked if anyone objected to the fact that the Chair and the Vice Chair both work for the Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.) Fresno and advised as Commissioners they do not represent their employer, with no objections being submitted. Upon call, no one in the meeting wished to speak and Chair Hand returned discussion to the Commission.

Workshop Held Regarding the City of Fresno's Curb Ramp Inventory

Patrick Wiemiller addressed the Commission. He affirmed the importance of the Commission's work and indicated that it will play a key role in guiding Public Works in its effort to improve public services for people with disabilities. Mr. Wiemiller thanked the Commissioners for their service.

Scott Krauter, presented information on the City's curb ramp inventory, and explained.

Chair Hand opened the floor to questions from the Commissioners on this presentation. There were none.

Chair Hand opened discussion to questions from the public on this issue.

Annette Carter questioned the target date for completion of the Amended Transition Plan for installing curb ramps; and made suggestions about how to count uninstalled curb ramps and a design to consider at a specific curb return. Dorothy Hoefling, suggested locations for the installation of curb ramps. Dr. Edwin Eames questioned terms of a settlement agreement regarding curb ramps and how the City will proceed in retrofitting old ramps, with response from Mr. Krauter.

Chair Hand stated the terms of the agreements regarding curb ramps need to be reviewed, and advised a task force will be assigned to review the information and present it to the Commission.

FY 09 Budget Reduction

Elizabeth Kunz addressed the Commission regarding reductions in City expenditures; explained while City revenue streams are decreasing, expenses are increasing, and added more information would be forthcoming on the anticipated budget from the City Manager's Office.

Greg Eisner affirmed the reality of the budget reductions; indicated some temporary positions within FAX have been eliminated; stated that Handy Ride will continue as one of the best paratransit services in the country, but future programs will be fiscally impacted.

Review and Discussion of DAC Goals

Chair Hand asked the Commissioners for specific goals. Member Randall said her goal was to see the working committees established and functioning, adding she would like to know how membership in those groups would be established, and have brought back up for a vote at the next meeting. Discussion ensued as to whether the Commissioners should refine the goals presented at the last meeting and present them as a package for a vote at the March meeting.

A motion of Member Randall, seconded by Member Fillpot, to review the goals presented previous and present them as a package at the March meeting was acted upon after discussion. .

Chair Hand opened the floor to public comment.

Marilyn Jost spoke in support of the DAC adopting goals for increasing employment for persons with disabilities, and in support of the goal of working with the Chamber of Commerce to make the private sector more accessible to people with disabilities.

Annette Carter suggested the goals be developed in accordance with the Brown Act, and not through serial meetings.

Chair Hand requested that the Commissioners submit their input regarding the goals to the Secretary. Chair Hand asked for a vote on the motion. There being no further discussion, the stated motion was adopted as presented.

Unscheduled Communication

Annette Carter made suggestions regarding the titles of the minutes and agendas, the wording of the accommodation statement, and the location of the "Unscheduled Communication" on the agenda.

Member Randall stated she has the Valley Center for the Blind Center 2009 Calendars available for \$10.00.

Marilyn Jost asked whether a Commissioner will be added to replace the one who has left the Commission. Chair Hand responded that Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council and confirmed a new member will be appointed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Member Randall made the motion to adjourn. Member Sheppard seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2009, in Council Chambers.